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Kevin H. Deutsch of said county, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that he is Editor of THE SISSETON COURIER, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Sisseton, in said county of Roberts, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bonafide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for 52 successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned, and was and is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained at said place of publication; that the Notice of Notice Of Public Hearing, a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once in each week for two successive weeks, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

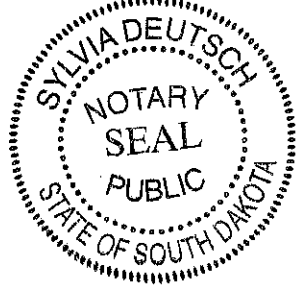
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that the full amount of the fee is charged for publication of said Notice insures to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division there has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever and that the fees charged for the publication there of are \$ 297.00

Kevin H. Deutsch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, A.D., 2018

Sylvia Deutsch
 Notary Public, Roberts County, South Dakota
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 SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Permit for Dakota Range III, LLC to Construct a Wind Energy Facility and a 345 KV Transmission Line in Grant and Roberts Counties

WHEN: Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. CST

WHERE: Summit School, 400 Sherman Ave., Summit, SD

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input hearing at the above time and place on an application by Dakota Range III, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC (Dakota Range or Applicant) to construct an approximately 8-mile 345-Kilovolt (KV) interconnection transmission line and an up to 151.2-megawatt (MW) wind energy conversion facility (Project). The Project will be in Grant and Roberts Counties, South Dakota, with the wind portion in an 18,717-acre area. The transmission line will run from the Project's substation located in section 13 of Blooming Valley Township, outside the public right of way along 455th Avenue, turning east on Farmington Township's 150th Street to the switchyard owned by Ottertail Power, located in section 14 of Mazeppa Township. The project is expected to be in service by December 31, 2020, with a total of up to 42 wind turbines and associated facilities. Dakota Range estimates the total cost of the proposed Project to be approximately \$200 million.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the hearing, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Grant County Auditor and the Roberts County Auditor pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5) and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2018 Electric Dockets, EL18-046 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3201 or (800) 332-1782.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission. Any person residing in the area of the Project; each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the Project is proposed to be sited; any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be sited; or any interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commission's website or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CST on December 26, 2018.

Following the public input hearing, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts. Absent a contested issue, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular or ad hoc meeting of the Commission.

For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants

Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location, or maintenance of the Commission may appropriate session at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782, 00 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

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